

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SPECIAL ALLOWANCE TO EMPLOYEES OF BRO AND MES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the soldiers serving in the counter insurgency (CI) grid in the North-East and Jammu and Kashmir are entitled for a special allowance ranging from Rs.1600/- to 3900/-;
- (b) if so, whether the employees of Border Roads Organisation and Military Engineering Service are also entitled for the same on the same grounds;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to sort out this anomaly?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) The soldiers deployed in notified Counter Insurgency Operations are entitled for Special Compensatory Counter Insurgency Allowance (SCCIA) at the rates which range from Rs.1500 to Rs.3900 per month subject to the fulfillment of laid down conditions.
- (b) to (d): The Civilians as well as Defence Service Personnel working in Border Roads Organisation (BRO) and Civilians of Military Engineer Services (MES) are not entitled to SCCIA since they are not actually involved in the conduct of counter insurgency operations. However, the Defence Service Personnel of MES are entitled for SCCIA. It may be added that Civilian employees of BRO and MES working in some specified districts in Jammu & Kashmir are, however, entitled to certain incentives/special benefits as per order issued by Department of Personnel & Training.